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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8720

AMEMBASSY ATHENS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 4728

ATHENS FOR RTO

KARACHI FOR RCO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ACOM, SY

SUBJECT: DAMASCUS POWER RENOVATION

REF: (A) ATHENS 5761 (NOTAL), (B) STATE 162313 (NOTAL),
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1. EMBASSY IS PRESENTLY SERVICED WITH 110/208 VOLTS 3-PHASE,
4-WIRE FROM POWER SUBSTATION LOCATED ON EMBASSY PROPERTY
(SEE REF C, PAGE 4 OF ATTACHMENT ONE). PRESENT CITY PLAN
IS TO CONVERT AREA TO 220/380 VOLTS, 3-PHASE, 4-WIRE IN
APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR RPT ONE YEAR FROM NOW.

2. ENGINEER SABANO OF DAMASCUS ELECTRIC COMPANY ADVISES THAT
SINCE WE HAVE OUR OWN POWER SUBSTATION, WE CAN CONVERT TO
220/380 ANYTIME WE WISH. THEY WOULD NEED APPROXIMATELY 3
DAYS TO MAKE CONVERSION.

3. EMBASSY HAS NOT AS YET STUDIED ALL IMPLICATIONS OF CHANG-
ING ITS SOURCE FROM 110 TO 220. HOWEVER, SINCE ALL POWER
HANDLING EQUIPMENT FOR THE CCC IS RATED FOR 220/380
VOLTS, IT MIGHT MAKE MORE SENSE TO SHIFT WHEN CCC
CONSTRUCTION BEGINS, RATHER THAN NEXT YEAR. WE WOULD
APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATION.

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4. OUR PRESENT EMERGENCY GENERATOR (WHICH WILL SUBSEQUENTLY BE USED TO SERVICE THE EMBASSY BUILDING OTHER THAN COMMUNICATIONS) IS 115/230 VOLTS, SINGLE PHASE, 2-WIRE (PER SITE SURVEY).
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